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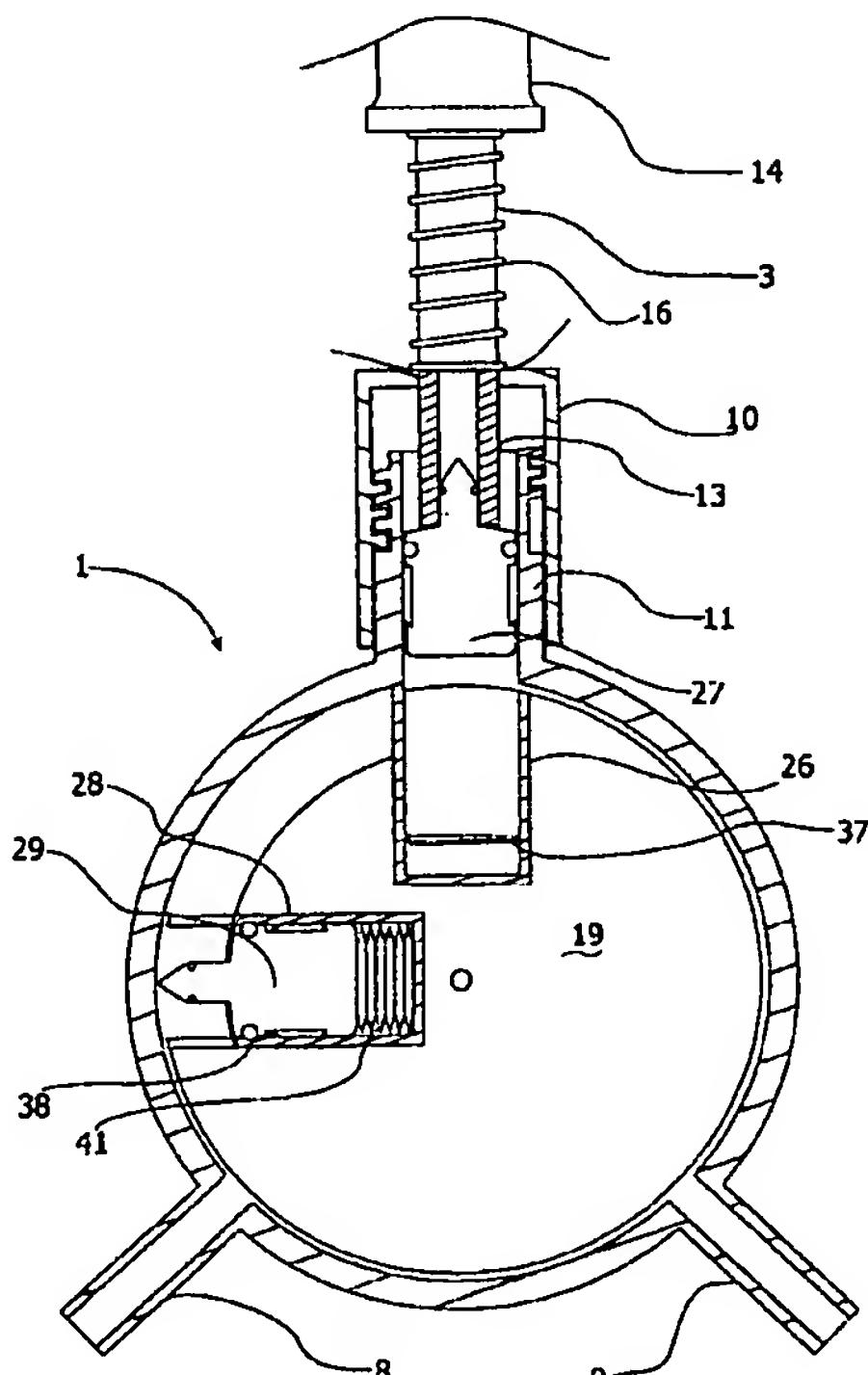
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(57) Abstract: A device is described for fitting and removing a closing means (27, 29) on an end portion (13) of a tubular element (3), comprising: a container (1) defining an internal chamber (18); a rotating platform (19) inside said chamber at the bottom (16) thereof; a receiving housing (26) that is able to receive and hold a first closing means (27) from said end portion of tubular element; and a releasing housing (28) that is able to contain and release a second closing means (29), in said end portion of tubular element ; said receiving and releasing housings provided with an opening for passage of the closing means , being fixed on said rotating platform with said opening turned towards said perimeter walls (17) of the container. The device can be used as a connector for peritoneal dialysis and minimizes or eliminates the risks of contamination, also of pathogens, and the risks of peritonitis.



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